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TO BE PASSED NOT LATER THAN OPENING OF BUSINESS 9 SEPT TO COMOR MEMBERS. REF: COMOR DISCUSSION OF CUBA BEACHES AT MEETING OF 6 SEPT. THE CHAIRMAN OFFERED AT THAT MEETING TO PROVIDE A REDRAFT WHICH HE <sup>would</sup> ~~WOULD~~ SUBMIT TO THE MEMBERS EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH THE REQUEST THAT THEY ADVISE THEIR VIEWS BY PHONE TO OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN NOT LATER THAN NOON 9 SEPT. IF THERE IS AGREEMENT THE CHAIRMAN WILL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD THE PAPER TO THE BOARD FOR ITS ACTION AT MEETING OF 11 SEPT. IF DISAGREEMENT WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY PHONE CHAIRMAN WILL CALL SPECIAL MEETING OF COMOR ON AFTERNOON OF 9 SEPT.

1. THE USIB ON 25 JULY 63 (SEE USIB-D-41. 14/57; COMOR-D-24/73), APPROVED LOW-LEVEL COVERAGE OF HIGH PRIORITY TARGETS IN CUBA.

2. COMOR HAS NOW BEEN APPRISED THAT CIA OPERATIONAL

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PLANS REQUIRE COVERAGE OF THE CUBA BEACH AREAS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED MAP IN ORDER OF PRIORITY. IN ADDITION THE MILITARY SERVICES HAVE A REQUIREMENT FOR ~~EX~~ SIMILAR PHOTO COVERAGE OF TWO BEACH AREAS IN THE HAVANA REGION. THIS COVERAGE MUST BE OF SUFFICIENT DETAILED QUALITY TO DISCLOSE TRAILS, STRUCTURES, CREVICES AND CLIFFS, MILITIA OUTPOSTS, COVER AND CONCEALMENT, ETC. IN THE B EACH AREAS AND TO A DEPTH OF UP TO ONE MILE AND TO BE USEFUL MUST BE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

3. THE CIA OPERATIONAL PLANNERS HAVE ALSO ASSURED COMOR THAT THIS TYPE OF COVERAGE CANNOT BE MET BY ANY OTHER SOURCE KNOWN TO IT. COMOR, IN EXPLORING WAYS TO MEET THIS NEED BY AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, HAS BEEN ADVISED AND FROM ITS EXAMINATION OF SAMPLE PHOTOGRAPHY HAS CONCLUDED THAT THESE NEEDS COULD NOT BE MET BY ANY AERIAL RECCE WHICH WOULD NOT OVERFLY THE TERRITORIAL WATERS CLAIMED BY CUBA. FURTHERMORE, IT IS NOTED THAT IN PAST

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LOW-LEVEL OVERFLIGHT OF CUBA, THE AREAS INDICATED ON THE MAP WERE NOT COVERED BECAUSE THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE FLIGHTS WERE ~~BEAD~~ INLAND.

4. IT IS THE CONCLUSION OF COMOR THAT THE INFORMATION NEEDED ON THE BEACH AREA CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY LOW-LEVEL OBLIQUE PHOTO RECCE.

5. RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL LOW-LEVEL RECCE TARGETS SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED MAP AND THAT COVERAGE OF THESE TARGETS BE ACQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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